

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

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SEPTEMBER 1876 AND TEXAS ADDS A SEAPORT.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

SEPTEMBER 22, 1876. HOUSTON. CHARLES MORGAN IS A BUSINESSMAN. HIS RAILROADS AND SHIPPING LINES BROUGHT CIVILIZATION TO TEXAS, AND GREAT WEALTH TO HIMSELF.

BUT WHEN GALVESTON RAISES ITS WHARF FEES, MORGAN SIMPLY BYPASSES THE PESKY ISLAND AND BUILDS A CANAL THROUGH BUFFALO BAYOU TO HOUSTON.

TODAY, MORGAN'S STEAMSHIP – THE "CLINTON" – CHUGS UP THE MUDDY PASS AND DOCKS NEAR HOUSTON – THE FIRST OCEAN VESSEL TO DO SO.

FORTY YEARS LATER, THE CANAL IS OPENED AS THE HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL AND GALVESTON IS NEVER THE SAME.

HOUSTON WAS OPENED TO THE SEA 134 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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HANDBOOK OF TEXAS – CHARLES MORGAN

<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/MM/fmogm.html>

"The Story of Buffalo Bayou and the Houston Ship Channel" Portal to Texas History website accessed 8/11/10

<http://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metapth46820/m1/21/>

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